

9/16/69

Dear Hal,

Hurried acknowledgement of your letter of the 13th and thanks for the letter to Welsh. There is a perhaps innocent hole in the envelope. I return it so you can know if it is something that happened before mailing.

I have no doubt of my ability to speak for Welsh, or anywhere else. There is a tentative diagnosis of an anxiety manifestation. Tranquilizers hold it. I am usually not taking them and making out okay. And I would be quite willing to speak before a large audience, if he could arrange it. In Long Beach, where Ball is so big a shot, I could give him a memorable one. And I'd write Ball first and ask him to be there! I'd also tell Ball I think we should speak privately. Ball is one of those with a big enough stake in this to be interested in a private exchange. And if he declined it, I'd air, given the chance, something he'd much rather have gone into in private. But it is, as you understand, I will not, without urgent need, push myself as I have been. I think one or two TV and/or radio appearance would help, especially if there were to be a public meeting to be promoted by it. In San Diego (where again I am in the hole, despite their assurances, they told me I added about 150 to the their list with my appearances.

This may seem like too great a cost to them, and it may be. I urge you to go if they cannot or will not swing it.

We'll have to let Gentry decide how far he wants to go into this. I was able to refer him to what he began wanting. If he wants to go further, I told him how to reach you and Paul. At some point, I'd like to have everything that others have gathered on this, for possible use in AGENT OSWALD. I have not seen Mrs. Poers' book. If you have a chance, when you get near the paperback stores or the second-hand ones, I'd appreciate it if you would try and get a copy for me. Otherwise, in the future, I'd like to borrow yours. When you find it and can tell me the name, I'll tell Gary, who gets to such places. He may be able to get me one. There is also a buff in NYC I'd ask. She may have valid suspicions, or may know something the significance of which she may not have detected. I am interested in that for TIGER also.

Some months ago, rather indirectly, I told you and Paul of a new correspondent, not one of us, not sympathetic to us, a bad man by our lights, with some knowledge of the King case. It is here I was elliptical, here I must be. If you could guess it and keep quiet, that would be fine. I am not anxious to advertise it. So, I leave it here. Where it will lead I do not know and cannot, now, really guess. But it is you who sent me a clipping from the Chronicle, reporting a rather strange accusation that had been made, by him.

Was LHO in Moscow at the time of the Powers trial? I do not have the published "Counterplot". I have the bound page proofs. Your reference, in them, is page 122 (which makes me wonder what has been added). Unlike Epstein, there is no footnote to this alleged testimony. If it exists, I have forgotten it. I doubt it.

The usual haste- and the usual thanks, much,
Sincerely,

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Dear Hal,

Enclosed you'll find a copy of the letter I sent today to Pat Welsh which is self-explanatory. I hope that something will materialize from it. He did seem quite eager to have speakers appear and now I guess the next thing to do is to await his reply to me. You may wish to contact him on your own and refer to my letter to him.

Otherwise, little else new here. I did not hear from Gentry about his book on Powers but I do have notes on the phone call that caller made to you on the Dolan program back in December of 1966. Indeed, I can still recall hearing his voice and I believe I could identify it if I heard it again. If Gentry should call I'll also show him any relevant material I have on Oswald and his alleged U-2 connections. I would agree with you that Oswald was not sent to the Soviet Union to help bring a U-2 down. By the way, have you ever read Mrs. Powers book on her husband's notorious life. It's in pocketbook form and I read parts of it more than a year ago. I have it lying around somewhere but cannot get to it right now. As I recall parts of it had suggestions of deeper significance I didn't take the time to jot down. It was obviously ghosted but I can't recall if the jacket blurb mentions who did the ghosting.

One thing you mentioned in your letter of 9/2/69 puzzled me. You elliptically referred to someone you were in contact with and said that it had to do with "a clipping about a TV broadcast" which I had asked an opinion about. I checked my letter then and I never sent any such clipping so this might be someone else you have in mind. You might clarify that but if it would endanger your contact don't bring it up in your reply to me. I certainly don't want to violate any confidence you have built up.

Referring again to Gentry's book on Powers and the

relevance, if any, of Oswald to the U-2 in my notes I noted once before in a letter previously that Larry Haapanen had a photo of what he said might be Oswald at the Powers trial (he hasn't sent it yet). In your letter to me dated 8/5/69 you said that you had recalled hearing before of this photo but had forgotten where. I believe your recall may possibly refer to Epstein's reference to testimony in the Warren Commission which he says "indicates" Oswald dropped in on the trial of U-2 pilot Powers. Epstein does not give the testimony nor refer to the existence of a photo. I'll mention these to Gentry should he call and also refer him to Larry for the photo. (See page 123 of "Counterplot").

Well, I'm sure there ~~is~~ is more on my mind to tell you about but I want to get this in the mail before the evening. Hope that you are feeling better and give my regards to your wife. I sure hope we can get together soon if the Welsh tour can come ~~th~~ through.

Best,
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